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FOR JAMES OZZELLO

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SUBJECT: PETROLEOS MEXICANOS/PROPOSED GAS PIPELINE

1. RETELCON BETWEEN OZZELO OF U.S. EMBASSY AND CRAFTON
OF EXIMBANK. ON JUNE 6 WE SENT THE FOLLOWING CABLE TO
LIC. ARTURO GARCIA TORRES OF PEMEX:

"REFERENCE IS MADE TO YOUR RECENT CONVERSATION WITH
JAMES OZZELLO OF THE U.S. EMBASSY REGARDING EXIMBANK
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SUPPORT OF THE PROPOSED GAS PIPELINE FROM CARDENAS IN
TABASCO STATE TO REYNOSA ON THE U.S. BORDER.

WE HAD HOPED TO MEET WITH YOU, HERE IN WASHINGTON, DURING
YOUR RECENT TRIP TO DISCUSS THE PIPELINE PROJECT IN
GREATER DETAIL BUT APPARENTLY YOUR PLANS WENT AWRY. WE
BELIEVE PROMPT CONSTRUCTION OF THE PIPELINE IS IN THE
BEST LONG-TERM INTERESTS OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF MEXICO AND
THE UNITED STATES AND, AS WAS EXPLAINED BY MESSRS. CRAFTON

AND RENGERS DURING THEIR APRIL VISIT WITH PEMEX OFFICIALS
IN MEXICO CITY, WE ARE PREPARED TO FAVORABLY CONSIDER
PARTICIPATING IN THE CONSTRUCTION THEREOF. WE UNDERSTAND
THE URGENCY OF THE SITUATION FROM YOUR POINT OF VIEW

BUT WE WOULD LIKE REASONABLE DETAILS TO BE MADE
AVAILABLE TO US ON THE PROJECT IN ORDER TO REQUEST
OUR BOARD TO ISSUE A COMMITMENT. JOHN L. MOORE, CHAIRMAN
AND PRESIDENT OF EXIMBANK, MATT SCHAFER, SPECIAL
ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN, AND RICHARD D.
CRAFTON, VICE PRESIDENT, LATIN AMERICA, WILL BE IN
MEXICO CITY ABOUT JULY 7 - 11 AND WOULD
LIKE TO MEET WITH YOU, RUIZ DE LA PENA AND OTHER SENIOR
PEMEX OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE PIPELINE PROJECT AND WOULD
BE PLEASED TO RECEIVE AN APPLICATION AT THAT TIME.
CRAFTON WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU FOR A SPECIFIC
APPOINTMENT AS SOON AS DEFINITIVE TRAVEL PLANS AND HOTEL
ARRANGEMENTS CAN BE MADE. REGARDS, BEIM."

2. EXIMBANK WILL NOTIFY U.S. EMBASSY AS PLANS PROGRESS. VANCE

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